Such changes are necessiated by seasonal variation, shortage of aircraft, change of type of aircraft, unforeseen grounding of aircraft, route variations, fuel conservation and other operational reasons.

Foreign visits by MPs

162. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Members of Parliament had been to various foreign countries with different teams or delegations during the last five years; and

(b) how much amount was spent on this account during the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The information will be colected and laid on the Table of the House.

hortage of plastic bags for preservation of Blood

163. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any shortage is being experienced in the country in the availability of plastic bags for preservation of blood; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No report has been received by the Ministry of Healh and Family Welfare about shortage in the availability of plastic bags for preservation of Blood.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for a Liquefied Natural Gas plant at Mangalore

164. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Karnataka Government for a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant at Mangalore has been pending for long with the Central Government;

(b) whether Government propose to implement this through public/private finance at the earliest; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes. Sir. A Memorandum on the subject was received by the Government of India in April, 1989. GAIL had commissioned a feasibility study by Sofre Gaz of France in 1989.

(b) and (c) The Feasibility Study Report has since been received from the Consultants and is under examination.

Creation of a post of Assistant Director (Regional Language) in the Central Hindi Directorate

165. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one post of Assistant Director (Regional Language) was created in the Department of Correspondence Courses of Central Hindi Directorate after obtaining the approval of Education Ministry and Finance Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this post was created after the recommendation of Internal Works Study Unit;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which this post is not being filled up particularly when the number of Regional Language medium students is more than the English medium students; and

(d) what action has been taken against thosee responsible for neglecting Tamil, Malayalam and Bengali medium students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJ MANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The post could not be filled up for want of finalisation of Recruitment Rules. The number of students admitted in English medium course during the year 1990-91 is 8347, while in Regional Languages medium (Tamil, Malayalam and Bangla) is 1641.

(d) Does not arise.

Harassment to the new customers by LPG dealers

166. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice to present Ration Card at the time of release of LPG connection has since been discontinued;

(b) if not, what is the justification for such a practice; and

(c) whether Government are aware that majority of LPG dealers are still demanding Ration Cards from people who are being provided with new connections?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) At the time of release of a new LPG connection the allottee is required to present to the distributor proof of residence through the ration card if available passport, bank pass book, house rent receipt, electricity bill, letter from employer or verification from a known person etc. Such proof is necessary to establish bonafide residence of the prospective consumer. Some State Governments like Gujarat and Maharashtra have issued instructions that release of new LPG connection should be done after verification and notation in the ration card so that subsequent allocation of kerosene could be adjusted accordingly.

Difficulties faced by C.G.H.S. Beneficiaries in getting reimbursement claims from Super Bazar

167. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.G.H.S. beneficiaries are getting payments towards their reimbursement claims from Super Bazar, Connaught Place, New Delhi;

(b) if so, since when this arrangement has been made;

(c) whether Government are aware that C.G.H.S. beneficiaries have to spend 3 to 4 hours for getting payments;

(d) whether Super Bazar has set up only one counter to deal with such claims;

(e) whether 70 to 75 reimbursement cases are being dealt at the counter daily; and

(f) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to minimise the hardship caused to the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 1979.

(c) to (e) It is a fact that the Super Bazar has onl yone counter to attend to 100—400 CGHS beneficiaries every day and, as such, the beneficiaries are required to spend sometime for obtaining reimbursement.

(f) It has been decided to divide Delhi into eight zones and appoint local chemists in each zone who will be providing medicines to CGHS beneficiaries as per prescription from the doctors of the CGHS dispensaries and also will reimburse the cost of the medicine which they are unable to provide to the beneficiary.